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Phone numbers now a perfect 10

By **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**
Metro Edmonton

From this day forward, communication in Alberta will never be the same again.

Every phone call placed across the province, long-distance or not, won't be connected immediately without dialing three magic numbers beforehand.

"If you haven't programmed your cellphone, your speed dial or your fax machines, it's the time to get it done," said Shawn Hall, Telus communications liaison.

Communication in the province has exploded. Now, the average individual has three phone numbers or more. As a result, we're running out of numbers, fast.

"This move is necessary, because 780 and 403 are running out of phone numbers," Hall explained. "If we didn't introduce a new area code, parts of Alberta would run out of phone numbers by next year."

After today, if you sign up for a new phone number, there is a good chance you'll be assigned one that's preceded with the new 587 area code, regardless of where you live.

"We've pretty much run out of prefixes, so what you might notice is that your friend down the road might get a new cellphone and get a 587 rather than a 403 or 780."

Hall said the way long-distance dialing is completed is the same, and the way to differentiate between long-distance and local, is whether or not a 1 belongs in front of the area code.

Communications industry officials have been warning about the changes for months, and are easing callers into the habit of dialing ten digits for the rest of the summer.

"People are going to get so tired of hearing that annoying recorded message," said Jeff Meerman, a Bell spokesman.

'permissive period'

» If callers forget to punch in the area code, a reminder message will play before the call is connected. The "permissive dialing period" will run until Sept. 8, after which, no calls will be connected without those three magic numbers.

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Raining tears of a clown

Gillian Wood, left, Christie Tobia, and clown "Rootin Tootin Newton", participate in the Muscular Dystrophy walk at Gold Bar Park despite rainy conditions yesterday morning. The wet weather meant a number of events around the city were postponed or curtailed.

Premier backs upgrader rules

Says future projects to be closely watched

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

Heavy industrial upgraders aren't popping up as fast as some might think east of Edmonton in Upgrader Alley, says Premier Ed Stelmach.

And Stelmach said once a new land-use framework is implemented in the fall, he expects plans for new upgrader projects will be closely watched when it comes to impacts on water use and emissions.

"We are the only jurisdiction that is tackling this very important issue," said Stelmach.

Residents opposed to the giant plants say they will flood a boardroom in Fort Saskatchewan this morning at 9 a.m. to fight a $14-billion upgrader proposed by Petro-Canada.

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The Edmonton Cracker Cats baseball team is back in town tomorrow night for a homestand that includes quite a few special promotions. Wednesday it's Western Dayz, Thursday is Ladies' Night and Friday is Military Night, and there's more fun on the weekend too. For more information visit *www.crackercats.ca.* METRO EDMONTON

Premier slams carbon tax plan

'My greatest fear is for those who are on fixed income'

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

Low-income families in Alberta would be hit hard in their pocketbooks under federal Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion's recent carbon tax scheme, said Premier Ed Stelmach yesterday.

"My greatest fear is for those who are on fixed income because your heating costs will go up, and with their grandkids, the fuel for their car will go up," said Stelmach when asked by Metro about the carbon tax plan.

> « *It's going to diminish our global competition immensely."* »
> *Premier Ed Stelmach*

Dion, who has touted his carbon tax plan last week as a green shift for Canada, said it would collect $15.4 billion in new taxes from Canadian industries that produce high carbon emissions.

The cash generated from the new taxes would go straight to the consumers' pockets in tax breaks as they are struggling with high energy costs, said Dion.

Stelmach says he doubts how Dion's plans would work since Alberta government number-crunchers say giving industry huge tax burdens would only harm consumers.

"(This plan) is going to hurt agriculture, it's going to hurt the manufacturing sector because, remember folks, we're competing with countries around the world that don't have the same rules that we are playing by," said Stelmach.

"It's going to diminish our global competition immensely."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a conference last week that Dion's proposal would "screw everybody."

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Time for paws

Thousands attend fundraising event at Hawrelak Park

By **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**
Metro Edmonton

The tables were turned yesterday in Hawrelak Park, when thousands of pets took their humans for a walk.

The 16th annual Pets In the Park fundraising event took place yesterday, and though skies were rainy, it didn't keep many four-legged friends from dragging their two-legged owners out for the day.

The event is the biggest fundraiser for the Edmonton Humane Society (EHS) each year. Last year, 8,000 participants raked in almost $100,000 in support of the shelter.

"People really consider pets part of the family," said Diane Shannon, EHS spokeswoman.

Though the crowd was dominated by dogs, there were other critters including cats, birds and ferrets. At one point, a herd of sheep got a run for their money, when they broke free from fencing around the park and ran onto Groat Road, only to be quickly herded back to safety by experienced sheep dogs.

Shannon said that a big part of the event was getting across a message of responsible pet ownership, as the Edmonton Humane Society feels the effects of irresponsible breeding and neglect every day.

"There are so many mixed-breed dogs that are great and need a home," Shannon said, adding that the shelter is housing more than 400 animals, which is close to capacity.

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Eleven-year-old Joelle Whittaker comforts her dog, Poochi, a poodle-chihuahua cross, at the Edmonton Humane Society's 16th annual Pets in the Park at Hawrelak Park yesterday.

Youths given top provincial awards

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

Five Edmonton area youths were given the province's top honours when it comes to making a difference in their schools and communities yesterday during the provincial government's annual Great Kids Awards Gala.

> **leadership**
> » The award recognizes determination, generosity, leadership, and compassion when it comes to making a difference in other people's lives.

The group from Edmonton was among 16 children and teens who were handpicked from 450 nominees.

"It takes a very generous heart to do what they do every day," said Premier Ed Stelmach yesterday at the Fantasyland Hotel.

This year's winners from the Edmonton area included Brooklyn Boyko, 7, who started a tradition of giving all of her birthday toys to the Stollery Children's Hospital.

Sherwood Park resident Cassia Schaar, 11, was given an award for raising money for African families.

St. Albert resident Carter Buchanan, 11, was honoured for raising more than $2,000 for the Youth Emergency Shelter Society.

Kyle McDonald, a 13-year-old legally blind student, was awarded for his inspirational story of playing for his West Edmonton community league's football team.

Shay Walker, 15, was recognized for her role in fighting the problems of bullying.

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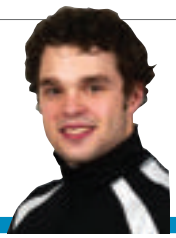

Edmonton diver Eric Sehn finished just out of the money on the weekend in the springboard competition in Saanich, B.C., losing out to his synchronized diving partner, Reuben Ross, for a chance to go to the Olympic competition. Sehn will still go to Beijing in the synchronized event. METRO CALGARY

Fees probe launched

Province checking to see if Chinese charged to work

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

The province will launch an investigation on fees allegedly paid by Chinese workers who later died while working on a tank in northern Alberta last year, said Premier Ed Stelmach yesterday.

Stelmach says Alberta Employment and Immigration is investigating whether or not fees were paid by the temporary workers before they came to work in Canada.

It's illegal for any company to charge workers fees when it comes to attracting them to work in Canada.

"It's a bit of a complicated issue because the federal government is involved, but we are investigating the matter very well, very thoroughly," said Stelmach.

Stelmach says the investigation will determine who received the money that went missing from one of the worker's bank account after his life insurance was paid out, along with when the transaction took place.

"We will be able to report that back to the public," said Stelmach.

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Edmonton packs bars for Euro Cup game

By **ERIC BOWLING**
For Metro Edmonton

Soccer fever in one part of Edmonton came to a sudden end after a nail-biter of a quarterfinal yesterday.

Fans all across Little Italy, including Eskimos head coach Danny Maciocia, packed into cafes, restaurants and bars to watch Italy and Spain battle over who would advance to the semifinals in the European Championship.

In the end Spain won 4 to 2 on penalty kicks and will face Russia in the semi-final on Thursday.

For the most part, people were fairly nonchalant about the disappointing loss.

"In soccer," said John Mark, an avid fan, "anything happens … right to the last second."

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Athletes dominate Kirk Lake

Pan Am medal winners training for nationals

Few people have heard of Edmonton's Kirk Lake. Marielle Hawkes and Jessi Temple row and paddle across this tiny body of water twice a day, six days a week.

The medal winning Pan American athletes are training for the national championships in August 27-30, in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Kirk Lake is just outside a hidden community just north of the Yellowhead Freeway in the extreme northwest of Edmonton.

The lake used by the Alberta Sprint Racing Canoe Association, a non-profit group that provides coaching, support and competition for competitive rowers, kayakers and canoeists.

For a modest $75 Edmontonians can learn the skills of kayaking and canoeing over a month. There are clubs for greater Edmonton, St. Albert, Strathcona and Leduc.

"Almost anywhere in the city is convenient," says Michelle Manovich, club development manager, "and it's a lot of fun."

You can learn more at *http://www.albertasprintcanoe.com.* METRO EDMONTON

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Marielle Hawkes, 16, left, and Jessi Temple, 20, on the docks of their training location at Kirk Lake in northwest Edmonton. Hawkes is a flatwater sprint kayaker, in the 1000m, 500m, and 200m distances, while Temple competes the same distances but in a flatwater sprint canoe, with a single-bladed paddle.

Saying their goodbyes

Soldier's funeral takes place today

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

An Edmonton-based soldier who died in a motorcycle crash last week will be mourned by family and friends at a military funeral today in Sault St. Marie, Ont.

Roberts

Cpl. Scott Michael Roberts, 26, is described by his friends as a person who loved to get out in the morning to exercise and someone who was always willing to help a friend.

"Scott told me that sometimes just for kicks, he would get up early in the morning, have a shake, put his boots on and backpack and go for a run," said friend Carol Martin on a Facebook memorial site for Roberts.

"He said it gave him a good appetite for breakfast."

Roberts was heading west on Highway 37 near Fort Saskatchewan about 3 a.m. on June 14 when he was hit by an oncoming car.

Mitchell Catcher, 19, has been charged with impaired driving causing death in relation to the crash and will appear in a Fort Saskatchewan courtroom Thursday.

Roberts will be cremated following the service.

Six wounded in brutal attack

A group of teens are recovering after they were brutally attacked over the weekend with bats, shovels and pepper spray.

The six youths were behind Jasper Place High School in west Edmonton shortly after midnight on Saturday night when a pair of attackers came at them with the weapons, according to police, who responded to the call just after midnight and found the injured teenagers behind a school suffering from the effects of pepper spray. Police dogs and a helicopter were called in but no arrests were made.

Police believe the attack was random.

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Republican John McCain defended the North American Free Trade Agreement in Ottawa on Friday during an unusual foreign trip for a U.S. presidential candidate. McCain, left, sought to draw a contrast with Barack Obama, his Democratic rival in the November election. REUTERS

Liberals to court immigrants

Opposition hopes to reconnect with cultural supporters

While Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion is out this summer selling his "green-shift" plan, his deputy, Michael Ignatieff, will be on the road as well, trying to put together a new party platform on the crucial issue of immigration.

Ignatieff and long-time Liberal MP Maurizio Bevilacqua are in the midst of planning a cross-country trek to get ideas on immigration reform and reconnect the Liberal party to its cultural-community bases across Canada.

"Mr. Ignatieff and Mr. Bevilacqua will work on an immigration plan. They will consult," Dion told Torstar News Service. "We don't like what the Conservatives have done on immigration, but we want to come with a good plan to propose to Canadians, and Michael and Maurizio have decided they will come with recommendations for the party."

The federal Liberals once owned the immigration issue in Canada and counted immigrants as a rock-solid base of support.

But that base has been eroded by concerted Conservative attempts to court various ethnic groups with everything ranging from money to apologies to government greeting cards on holidays.

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Conservative reform

» This month, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government managed to slip an important immigration reform into a budget bill — resulting in more power for Immigration Minister Diane Finley to decide who gets in and who stays out of the country.

Union head suspicious of Air Canada layoffs

The head of CUPE is calling the recent Air Canada announcement to slash jobs "suspicious" in timing and nature.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) national president Paul Moist told Metro exclusively that Air Canada's plan to slash 2,000 jobs is convenient at a time when gas prices are rising.

"The outlook for the industry is serious, but we're suspicious about the emphasis, timing and intent of this announcement," Moist said.

He also pointed out airline industry expert Joseph D' Cruz's assertion to CBC last week that "there is no evidence Air Canada is in serious difficulty."

CUPE represents 7,000 Air Canada flight attendants, many of whom fear the loss of their job.

"Air Canada seems to prefer to lay off its lowest-paid staff rather than let its highest paid employees leave voluntarily," Moist added.

Air Canada spokesperson Angela Mah told Metro the cuts are a reflection of fewer flights due to high prices of gas.

"The cuts are a direct result of the flights we are cutting down. We're reducing the flights that have become unprofitable," she said.

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>
> *CUPE President Paul Moist*

Toronto **Mothers' plea**

RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Karen Ellis, left, and Susan Dudeck made a public appeal for information yesterday into the murder of their sons, Dylan Ellis and Oliver Martin. Dylan and Oliver were shot to death outside a downtown Toronto apartment building on June 13.

Airport gets X-ray vision

New scanner sees through clothing

Security at the Kelowna International Airport will get to see a lot more of passengers today when they begin using new screening technology that sees through clothing.

The Canadian Air Transport Security Authority announced that Kelowna's airport will test a body-imaging system that uses a radio frequency to create a three-dimensional image of passengers to detect dangerous objects hidden beneath clothing.

"Our voluntary pilot project will enable us to see if the technology can accelerate the screening process," CATSA's interim CEO, Kevin McGarr, said in a release.

The system will operate on a volunteer basis until Jan. 30, 2009, when CATSA will deliver its recommendations to Transport Canada.

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full monty

» The security officer who operates the machine will see a simplified image of passengers' bodies, while another officer, in a private room, will see detailed black-and-white images of the person being scanned.

Security tight for terror trial

Ottawa clamping down as bomb-plot case hits court

Cement partitions and security fences are in place and there will be no parking in areas of Elgin Street today as a high-profile terror trial gets underway in Ottawa.

More than four years after being arrested on criminal terrorism charges in connection to a bomb plot in England, the trial of Orleans resident Momin Khawaja, 33, begins today, and security precautions are among the tightest Ottawa has seen, police say.

Newly installed security cameras, X-ray devices and additional police staff have been assigned to the downtown courthouse in a clampdown Staff-Sgt. Dave Veinotte calls unprecedented for Ottawa police.

"There have been trials where there has been extra security provided and a magnetometer (walk-through metal detector), but not an X-ray device before," said Veinotte.

British police named Khawaja as a co-conspirator in the case of five men jailed for life last year for plotting attacks on targets across Britain.

Although British authorities alleged Khawaja provided technical help with detonators, he was not charged. He is alleged to have built the devices in his parents' basement.

Khawaja, a software developer, faces life in prison if found guilty. He was arrested in March 2004 and has been jailed since. He is the first person charged under Canadian anti-terrorism laws put in place after Sept. 11, 2001. He has pleaded not guilty.

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timeline

» The trial, being held before a judge, but no jury, is expected to last four months, with tight security measures for the duration.

Halifax

Police crack down on helmet laws

FINES Aside from getting a $130 fine and getting your board confiscated, not wearing a helmet at the Halifax Common skate park can get you banned for six months.

Halifax Police are cracking down on helmet use at the park. Officers have been handing out fines daily and on Saturday seven officers at once closed in to hand out fines and confiscate boards.

Despite the consequences, several skaters and bikers told Metro News over the weekend they will not start wearing helmets.

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Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, left, threatened yesterday to fire cabinet ministers belonging to his main coalition partner if they backed a parliamentary move to topple him over a corruption scandal, officials said. REUTERS

Bomber kills 15 in Iraq

Suicide attack by woman aimed at police officers

A female suicide bomber blew herself up among policemen outside a restaurant north of Baghdad yesterday, killing 15 people and wounding 35, Iraqi police said.

The attack took place in Baquba, capital of multi-ethnic Diyala province, where Sunni Islamist al Qaeda militants have sought to sow tension despite a succession of military offensives that have put the group on the back foot.

Police said the woman walked over to a group of policemen outside a restaurant, then detonated explosives under her clothing. Several cars were set on fire.

"When she approached the police patrol, a powerful blast ripped through the area," said Adnan Fayadh, a photocopy shop owner who was nearby.

Police and the U.S. military said 15 people were killed in the attack, which was also near a number of government buildings in Baquba, 65 kilometres north of Baghdad. The U.S. military said the dead included seven policemen.

At a hospital morgue, white sheets covered most of the dead. A man wailed over a body lying on a stretcher.

Violence in Iraq has dropped to a four-year low, but yesterday's bombing was the second big attack in the past week.

U.S. forces have blamed a rogue Shiite militia group for a truck bomb that killed 63 people in Baghdad last Tuesday. That was the deadliest attack in Baghdad in more than three months.

U.S. officials accuse al Qaeda insurgents of carrying out scores of large-scale bombings, killing thousands of people in Iraq in the past few years.

A sustained military campaign against al Qaeda has pushed the group out of its traditional strongholds in Anbar province in the west and parts of Baghdad in the past year.

One region where al Qaeda forces regrouped was in the northern city of Mosul, described by the U.S. military as al Qaeda's last major urban stronghold.

Iraqi security officials say al Qaeda's network has been broken in Mosul following an offensive there.

REUTERS

rise in female suicide bombers

» The U.S. military said 21 female suicide bombers had carried out attacks this year. Most have been in Diyala and Baghdad. Security officials have blamed those bombings on al Qaeda, which they say has sought to recruit women because they can sometimes escape strict security checks on men.

CHERYL RAVELO/REUTERS

Relatives of passengers of a capsized ferry cry as they await the latest news on their loved ones outside the office of Sulpicio Lines in the port area of Manila yesterday.

Over 800 missing after ferry capsizes

Philippine ship hit by typhoon, four survivors found

More than 800 people were missing yesterday after a Philippine ferry capsized in a typhoon that has killed scores and left a trail of destruction across the archipelago.

Sulpicio Lines, the owner of the MV Princess of Stars, revised the number of people missing to 845 after discovering an extra 100 passengers on the ship's manifest. Only four people are so far known to have survived the ferry disaster and they said many did not make it off the ship in time.

Crowded life-rafts sank in cold, storm-tossed seas.

"Many of us jumped, the waves were so huge, and the rains were heavy," a survivor identified only as Jesse told local radio.

"There was just one announcement over the megaphone, about 30 minutes before the ship tilted to its side. Immediately after I jumped, the ship tilted, the older people were left on the ship."

Four people have been confirmed dead. Children's slippers and life jackets have washed ashore.

There were 724 passengers and 121 crew on board, including at least 20 children and 33 infants.

In the central city of Cebu, where Princess of Stars was meant to dock, dozens of relatives maintained a vigil at a small passenger terminal, waiting for news. REUTERS

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> *ferry disaster survivor*

Middle East

Expect response if attacked: Iran

ISRAEL Iran will give a "devastating" response to any attack on the country, its defence minister was quoted as saying yesterday.

The New York Times on Friday quoted U.S. officials as saying Israel had carried out a large military exercise, apparently a rehearsal for a potential bombing of Iran's nuclear facilities.

media

Iran bans paper critical of president

ELECTION An Iranian newspaper has been banned after carrying articles critical of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's economic policies, the state Press TV satellite station said on its website.

A government media body revoked the licence of Tehran Emrooz on Saturday, Press TV said.

It said the newspaper was seen as being close to Tehran Mayor Mohammed Baqer Qalibaf, a conservative whom analysts say is a potential rival of Ahmadinejad in next year's presidential election.

REUTERS

Taiwan 130 couples exchange vows

NICKY LOH/REUTERS

Couples pose for a group photo during a mass beach wedding ceremony in Linshanpi near Baishanwan, Taipei County, yesterday. More than 130 couples gathered yesterday at the beach on the northern coast of Taiwan to exchange wedding vows in the event organized by the Taipei County government and the tourism bureau.

Iraqi elections might get delayed

Kirkuk dispute stalling process

Iraq's provincial elections, seen as vital for fostering national reconciliation, could be delayed because of disputes in parliament over the electoral law, several lawmakers said yesterday.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has said the elections will be held on Oct. 1, but a dispute has emerged between Arab and Kurdish lawmakers over what to do about voting in the disputed oil-rich city of Kirkuk in northern Iraq.

"There are many problems hindering us from agreeing the provincial elections law. One of the main problems is Kirkuk," Jalal al-Din al-Sagheer, head of the parliamentary bloc from the ruling Shiite Alliance, told Reuters.

"I think it will be very difficult to hold elections on time."

The electoral commission has said the draft law must be passed by the start of July to give it three months to prepare for the polls. REUTERS

Kirkuk

» The fate of Kirkuk, a mixed city of Arabs, Kurds and Turkmen that sits atop rich oil fields, is already one of the most divisive issues in Iraq.

Afghanistan needs 6,000 more troops: General

Up to 6,000 additional troops are urgently needed in Afghanistan and a failure to deploy them will only prolong the presence of Western forces in the country, a German NATO general said yesterday.

Egon Ramms told public radio station Deutschlandfunk that alliance members would end up paying a price later if they did not boost troop numbers now.

"We are talking about a total of 5,000, 6,000 soldiers," Ramms said. "We need these soldiers now, very soon, because we need to hold specific areas, we need to win over Afghanistan's citizens and because at some point, in 2010, 2011 or 2012 we will want to hand over responsibility to Afghan forces."

Roughly 60,000 foreign troops are in Afghanistan, most of them part of the NATO-led International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF), but security has deteriorated over the past two years.

REUTERS

Mugabe rival exits election

Run-off process a 'sham': Tsvangirai

Zimbabwean opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai pulled out of a run-off election against President Robert Mugabe, saying a free and fair poll was impossible in the current climate of violence.

Tsvangirai

Speaking only hours after his opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) reported its rally had been broken up by pro-Mugabe youth militia yesterday, Tsvangirai called on the UN and the African Union to intervene to stop "genocide" in the former British colony.

"We in the MDC have resolved that we will no longer participate in this violent, illegitimate sham of an election process," he said.

The MDC and Tsvangirai, who beat Mugabe in a March 29 vote but failed to win the absolute majority needed to avoid a second ballot, have repeatedly accused government security forces and militia of strong-arm tactics to ensure a Mugabe victory in the June 27 poll.

The veteran leader has presided over a ruinous slide in a once prosperous economy. Millions have fled the political and economic crisis to neighbouring states.

Tsvangirai said there was a state-sponsored plot to keep 84-year-old Mugabe in power. Mugabe has ruled since independence from Britain in 1980.

"We in the MDC cannot ask them (the voters) to cast their vote on June 27, when that vote could cost them their lives," he said. REUTERS

Remembering Bhutto **Birthday candles**

ASIM TANVEER/REUTERS

Supporters of Pakistan's slain former prime minister Benazir Bhutto light candles to commemorate her 55th birthday in Multan yesterday.

Darfur food crisis looms

UN blames bad harvest, violence

Darfur faces a food crisis this year as a result of a "perfect storm" of growing violence, overcrowding in refugee camps and a bad harvest, the United Nations said yesterday.

The conflict in Darfur has prompted the world's largest humanitarian operation, which helps two-thirds of the region's six-million population.

But this year, a confluence of problems in the western Sudanese region could cause a spike in malnutrition rates and health problems, United Nations officials said.

"Four years into a massive humanitarian operation ... this is the year I think where we are going to see a reduction in (health) indicators as a result of this perfect storm," Mike McDonough, head of the UN humanitarian co-ordination office, said.

Attacks on World Food Programme food convoys have forced a cut in rations to millions in Darfur by almost half since May. REUTERS

sectarian violence

Three dead in Lebanon clashes

TRIPOLI At least three people were killed and 30 wounded yesterday in sectarian clashes in Lebanon's second-largest city Tripoli, security sources said.

Explosions and machine-gun fire rocked the city as Sunni Muslim supporters of the government and Alawite gunmen close to the Hezbollah-led opposition battled on the outskirts of the mainly Sunni Muslim port. REUTERS

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In Brief

» **FLOODING** Walls and levees held back the cresting Mississippi River yesterday as requests for aid poured in from homeowners swamped by the worst Midwest flooding in 15 years.

» **OIL** U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama offered new steps yesterday to crack down on speculation in oil markets, saying his plan would help rein in runaway fuel costs. A jump in gas prices above $4 a gallon has spurred consumer anger. REUTERS

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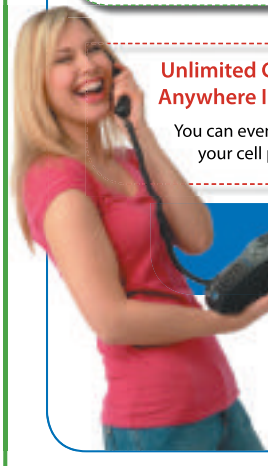

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Mending fences

France's Sarkozy takes trip to Israel

ALLY French President Nicolas Sarkozy arrived in Israel yesterday for a three-day visit aimed at reinforcing his image as an ally of the Jewish state and reversing a trend of difficult trips there by French leaders.

After taking office last year, Sarkozy announced a "break" with the policies of his predecessor Jacques Chirac, seeking to mend ties with Washington damaged by the war in Iraq and repeatedly proclaiming himself a friend of Israel.

Syria

Nuclear reactor probe begins

CLANDESTINE UN inspectors arrived in Syria yesterday to investigate U.S. allegations Damascus was building a clandestine nuclear reactor for military purposes before an Israel air strike destroyed it in September. Syria denies the accusations.

REUTERS

Russian political veteran quits

Opposition leader makes parting shot at Putin

Veteran politician Grigory Yavlinsky stepped down as leader of Russia's Yabloko opposition party yesterday, with parting shots at President Dmitry Medvedev and his predecessor, Vladimir Putin.

Yavlinsky, a 56-year-old economist who advised the Russian government at the start of the 1990s on the transition from communism to a market economy, will be replaced by the head of the party's Moscow branch, Sergei Mitrokhin.

Yavlinsky said Putin and Medvedev were dependent on Russia's centralized power structures to rule the country.

"Our party has shown that we cannot be sold and act on our principles," he told a party congress where he announced his resignation.

The new Russian president promised to crack down on corruption and improve the rule of law, which led some political analysts to say he might take Russia in a more liberal direction that Putin, whom he succeeded last month.

Yabloko has been critical of what it says is the repression of civil rights and democratic freedoms in Russia, but has lost ground to the pro-Kremlin parties such as United Russia and Fair Russia.

REUTERS

Ex-PM' sons tortured: Bangladeshi party

A faction of former Bangladeshi prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia's party said yesterday her sons had been tortured in custody and called for an investigation.

Jatiyatabadi Muktijoddha Dal, a body of veterans of the country's 1971 independence war, said that due to physical and mental torture, Khaleda's younger son Arafat Rahman's chronic asthma had become acute, while her elder son, Tareque, was unable to walk because his spinal cord had been broken.

"Tareque is almost unable to stand up let alone walk on his own. It is only due to physical torture in custody," Sohrab Uddin, the faction's head, told reporters.

Police denied Khaleda's two sons were tortured.

A senior prison official said: "No accused is ever tortured in any of the country's jails."

REUTERS

Belarus **War memorial**

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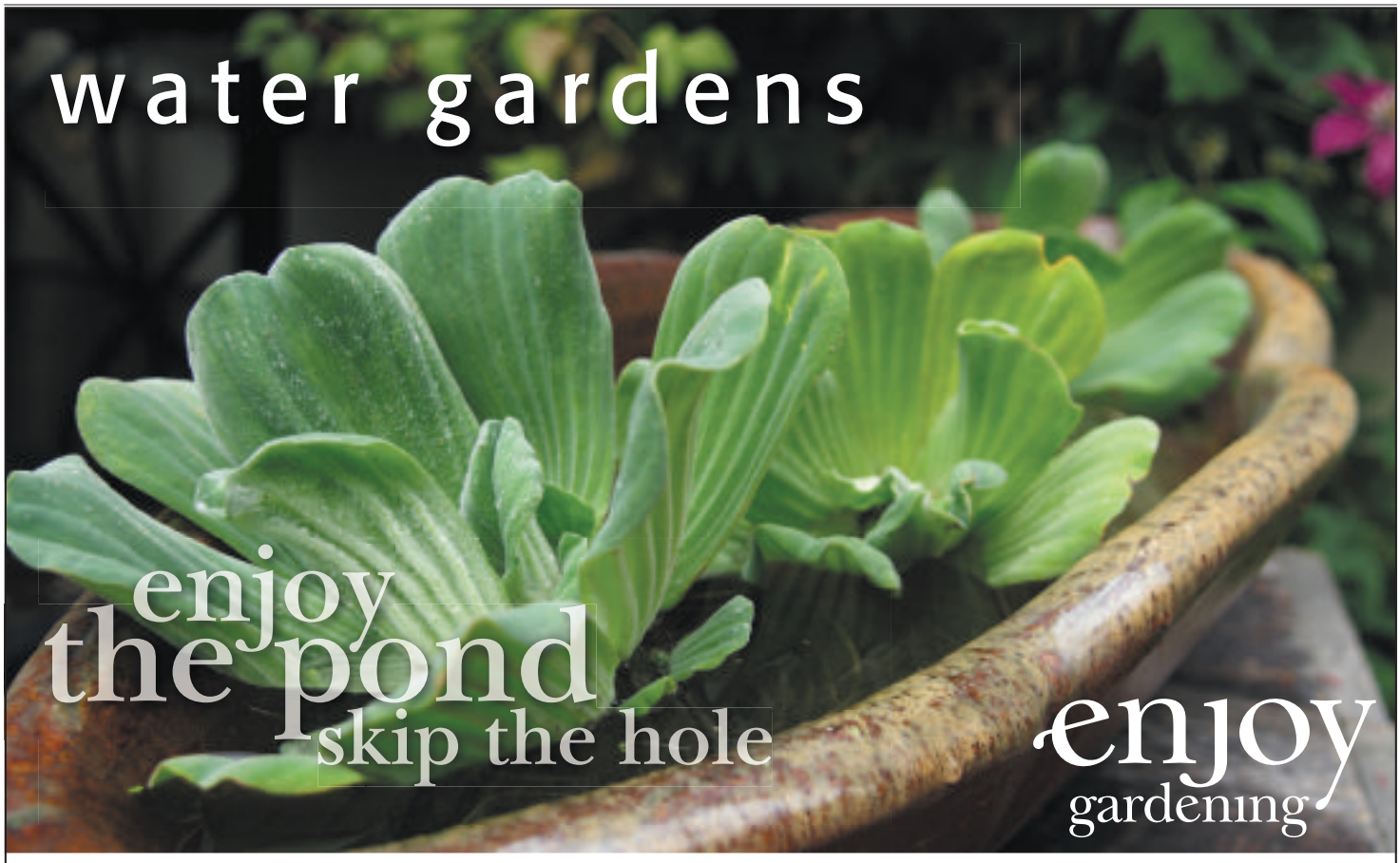
Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, right, and his Belarussian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko attend a ceremony marking the anniversary of Nazi Germany's 1941 invasion of the Soviet Union at a war memorial in Brest yesterday.



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BARISTA AT A COFFEE SHOP

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MARTIN KERR

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INDEPENDENT SINGER/SONGWRITER

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AGE 29

REGISTERED MASSAGE THERAPIST

SCARBOROUGH, ON

MITCH MACDONALD

AGE 22

CARPENTER/ MUSICIAN

PORT HOOD, NS

JESSICA SHEPPARD

AGE 22

VISUAL MANAGER

TORONTO, ON

EARL STEVENSON

AGE 23

SWAMPER FOR A BACKHOE OPERATOR

LLOYDMINSTER, AB

KATHERINE ST-LAURENT

AGE 17

STUDENT

OTTERBURN PARK, QC

THEO TAMS

AGE 22

STUDENT

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Now it's your turn, Canada! Over the next few weeks, the Top 24 will compete for your votes – only you can decide who will advance to the Top 10. Each vote means the chance to make dreams come true. Multiple competitors will be sent home every Wednesday, with 14 singers exiting the competition in just three short weeks. Canada has just one chance to get it right and choose the best 10 competitors who will be left vying for the prize. These 10 singers will entertain the country for the rest of the summer as part of Canada's biggest summertime television event. Get ready to vote!

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Monday, July 7	First group performs
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Wednesday, July 9	Results Show (Top 10 are announced)
Monday, July 14	First Top 10 Performance Show

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business

The main militant group in Nigeria's oil-producing Niger Delta said yesterday it would observe a unilateral ceasefire from midnight tomorrow after a request from local elders. REUTERS

explosives

Miners pay more bucks for bang

PRICES These are boom times for mining companies, but the big profits are being eaten into by spiraling energy costs and suddenly rising prices for the explosives used to blast into the rocks. It's all because of the high price of natural gas, which when converted into ammonia is used to produce ammonium nitrate, a key ingredient in fertilizers and explosives. REUTERS

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In Brief

» **MARKET** British Prime Minister Gordon Brown pledged yesterday to open Britain's energy markets to foreign investors in a "new deal" designed to promote clean energy and end a conflict of interest between oil producers and consumers. REUTERS

Saudis promise to pump more oil

But oil minister skeptical increase will calm market

Top exporter Saudi Arabia is ready to pump more oil for the rest of the year, although that is unlikely to tame record prices, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said yesterday.

"I am convinced that the supply and demand balances and crude oil production levels are not the primary drivers of the current market situation and that markets are already well-supplied," Naimi said at the unprecedented meeting in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in response to record moves on the oil market.

Saudi Arabia has already said it will produce 9.7 million bpd in July, marking an increase in output of 550,000 bpd since May. For the longer term, Naimi said Saudi Arabia could increase its available capacity by an extra 2.5 million bpd above a current plan to reach 12.5 million bpd by next year.

Apart from the short-term supply-demand balance, investors have bought into futures markets because they believe oil supplies will be under strain for the foreseeable future. REUTERS

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Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi, France's Minister of Ecology Jean-Louis Borloo, left, and Total Chief Executive Christophe De Margerie in Jeddah yesterday.

Canada calls for oil trade transparency

Canada's Natural Resources Minister Gary Lunn said yesterday he pushed at an emergency meeting in Saudi Arabia of oil producing and consuming countries for more transparency in global oil markets to allow supply and demand to be the biggest influences on prices.

Lunn said Canada, the top energy supplier to the United States, supports the call from G8 finance ministers for investigations into the role of speculation in the surge of oil prices to near $140 a barrel.

He resisted any notion of regulating domestic fuel prices, arguing that consumers eventually pay more than in an unregulated market.

None of the delegates at the meeting were under the belief that a quick fix to the crisis was at hand, Lunn said. REUTERS

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Kyle Busch, left, earned his fifth win of the season at the NASCAR Sprint Cup Toyota/Save Mart 350 yesterday at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif. REUTERS

Eberle a perfect fit with Oilers

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Jordan Eberle? No way. Picking Eberle as the player the Edmonton Oilers had their eye on at the Entry Draft in Ottawa wasn't much of a long shot after chatting with the team's scouting staff, so I'm not going to crow too loudly about making that prediction in this space Friday.

The only question was whether the talented 42-goal whiz from the Regina Pats was going to be around when the Oilers picked 22nd. As it turned out, he was, thanks to a couple of teams going somewhat off the board earlier, keeping the 5-foot-10, 175-pound Eberle in play.

That's good news for the Oilers, who've done well in recent drafts with players along the lines of the diminutive Eberle, namely **Sam Gagner** and **Andrew Cogliano**. Short of having a top-10 prospect plummet all the way to the 22nd spot, there's no way the Oilers weren't taking him.

"He's the guy we wanted when we came here," said vice-president of hockey operations **Kevin Prendergast**.

"He's a kid who fits everything we were looking for. He's got great hands, great hockey sense. He knows how to score. He possesses a lot of things that Gagner has in terms of hockey sense — he knows how to play the game. He's got skill. He brings everything that we're looking for. It's a kid we came here to get and we got him."

LOWE WAS PITCHING

Kevin Lowe didn't manage to swing a deal to land the top-three forward he wanted, but make no mistake, he tried to make a splash by taking a run at **Mike Cammalleri** of the Los Angeles Kings, who ended up being dealt to the Calgary Flames.

Right up until Cammalleri went to Cowtown, Lowe was a player in the sweepstakes to land him. My information is he was offering **Jarret Stoll**. That sounds a bit light to me.

Lowe also talked with the Toronto Maple Leafs more than once about **Alex Steen**. My understanding is he was willing to offer up **Raffi Torres**, but the teams couldn't make the names fit when they talked after the conclusion of the first round.

Having touched base with so many of his peers in Ottawa, you can bet Lowe will be re-visiting a conversation or two in coming weeks. I'd be stunned if he stands pat.

THAT'S CLASS

The Oilers showed a lot of class by honouring scout **Lorne Davis**, who passed away last December after a battle with liver cancer.

Lowe and Prendergast arranged to have **Glenn Anderson**, who was scouted by Davis leading into the 1979 draft and coached by him with the Olympic program, in attendance. They also had Gagner there from the 2007 draft, which was Davis' swan song in 30 years with the team.

In addition, the Oilers kept a chair vacant at their table for Davis, whose son Brad is a member of the scouting staff.

In a decade covering the Edmonton sports scene, Robin Brownlee has been the news-breaker and insightful voice for sports fans in Oil Country.

NHL

Kings buy out goalie Cloutier

BUSINESS The Los Angeles Kings bought out the remaining year on the contract of goaltender Dan Cloutier.

Cloutier was acquired from Vancouver, where he had posted three straight 30- win seasons, in July 2006. He proved to be a bust in Los Angeles as he appeared in just 33 games over two seasons and just nine last season.

NHL

Sens give Kelly a multi-year deal

BUSINESS The Ottawa Senators re-signed centre Chris Kelly to a multi-year contract on Saturday.

Terms were not announced, but TSN of Canada reported the accord was for four years, worth $8.5 million US.

The three-year veteran had 11 goals and 19 assists in 75 games last season.

motorsports

Massa takes over F1 points lead

VICTORY Felipe Massa led a Ferrari one-two to win the French Grand Prix yesterday and take the lead in the Formula One championship for the first time.

Teammate Kimi Raikkonen, the world champ who won in France last year, led from pole but was overtaken by Massa just after the halfway mark when his car suffered a broken exhaust.

golf

Cink ends 4-year winless slide

VICTORY American Stewart Cink held his nerve to win his first PGA Tour title in almost four years with a one-shot victory at the Travelers Championship yesterday in Cromwell, Conn.

Cink, who had not won since the 2004 WGC-NEC Invitational, earned $1.08 million US for the victory.

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Stamkos officially selected by Bolts

Centre relieved to finally be drafted

The Tampa Bay Lightning did as predicted this weekend and selected centreman Steven Stamkos with the first overall pick in the 2008 NHL Entry Draft in Ottawa.

Stamkos was the top-rated North American skater by NHL Central Scouting and solidified his standing as the best available player in this year's draft with an excellent 2007-08 season. He led the Sarnia Sting with 105 points in 61 games.

"To tell you the truth right now, it's a relief to get my name called by the Tampa Bay Lightning," said Stamkos. "I can finally throw out those ifs, and, or buts we've been talking about the last couple of weeks. It's official now and I couldn't feel better about going to a great organization like the Tampa Bay Lightning."

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top 5 choices

» 1. Tampa Bay, C-Steven Stamkos (Sarnia); 2. Los Angeles, D-Drew Doughty (Guelph); 3. Atlanta, D-Zach Bogosian (Peterborough); 4. St. Louis, D- Alex Pietrangelo (Niagara); 5. Toronto (from NYI), D-Luke Schenn (Kelowna).

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
INTERLEAGUE
Atlanta 8 Seattle 3
Boston 5 St. Louis 3 (13 ings)
Chicago Cubs 7 Chicago Sox 1
Detroit 5 San Diego 3
Houston 3 Tampa Bay 2
Kansas City 11 San Francisco 10
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TODAY'S GAMES
INTERLEAGUE
Arizona at Boston, 5:05
Seattle at N.Y. Mets, 5:10
L.A. Angels at Washington, 5:10
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QUARTER-FINALS
YESTERDAY'S RESULT
Spain 0 Italy 0
(Spain advances 4-2 on penalties)
SATURDAY'S RESULT
Russia 3 Netherlands 1 (extra time)
FRIDAY'S RESULT
Croatia 1 Turkey 1
(Turkey advances 3-1 on penalties)
THURSDAY'S RESULT
Germany 3 Portugal 2
SEMIFINALS
WEDNESDAY'S GAME
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Winners circle **Not Bourbon takes Plate**

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Owner Charles Fipke of Edmonton, centre, and trainer Roger Attfield, right, lead Not Bourbon to the winners circle with jockey Jono Jones in the irons after he won the 149th running of the Queen's Plate yesterday at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto.

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Blythe Hartley, left, of North Vancouver, B.C., and Jennifer Abel of Laval, Que., are the latest divers to join the Canadian Olympic team after finishing first and second, respectively, in the women's springboard event at the diving trials in Saanich, B.C., yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Spain saved by clutch goalie

Casillas stops pair of penalties to knock out Italy

EURO2008

Spain beat Italy 4-2 on penalties after a goalless Euro 2008 quarter-final yesterday to end their shootout jinx and reach the last four of a major tournament for the first time in 24 years.

They will now face Russia, who they thrashed 4-1 in their opening group game, thanks to substitute midfielder Cesc Fabregas who scored the decisive spot kick after Iker Casillas had saved two of Italy's penalties.

It is the first time Spain have reached the last four since they got to the European Championship final in 1984 and came after they had lost three previous quarter-final shootouts in major tournaments, all on June 22.

The victory was also their first over Italy at a major tournament outside the Olympic Games.

"It was about time we won one, we deserve it," said Casillas, who saved from Daniele De Rossi and Antonio Di Natale.

"Losing on penalties again would have been terrible. Now the fans can enjoy this because we've got to the semifinals at last."

The game ended goalless after extra time as both well-organized defences coped relatively comfortably with the too-cautious attempts to break them down.

"It was a very evenly balanced game," said Spain coach Luis Aragones. "Italy are always a difficult side to break down and very dangerous on the break."

Two years ago Italy won the World Cup on penalties and current coach Roberto Donadoni had no complaints yesterday.

"The players should leave here with their heads held high," he said.

Germany will face Turkey in the other semifinal on Wednesday in Basel, Switzerland. REUTERS

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Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas saves a penalty yesterday during a Euro 2008 quarter-final against Italy in Vienna, Austria. Spain's victory moves them into a semifinal against Russia on Thursday.

Federer forgets Paris to focus on Wimbledon

World No. 1 says he won't fret over defeat

Five-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer said yesterday he had banished thoughts of his 6-1, 6-3, 6-0 French Open mauling at the hands of Rafael Nadal and planned to dominate the draw at the All England Club as usual.

"It's almost easier to forget a loss like that," the world No. 1 said on the eve of his bid for a modern-era record sixth consecutive singles title.

"The French Open was over in such a hurry ... so it's easy just to look forward and concentrate on grass. I won't be on clay for 10 months so it really hasn't been a problem. I'm happy I haven't been affected by it," he said.

"I'm still pretty proud of achieving my third French Open final but for some I guess that's still not good enough," he added.

The Swiss top seed said he did not read newspapers and so had taken no notice of comments from former players that he was more vulnerable now at Wimbledon, especially as Nadal had also won his first grass-court title at Queen's last week.

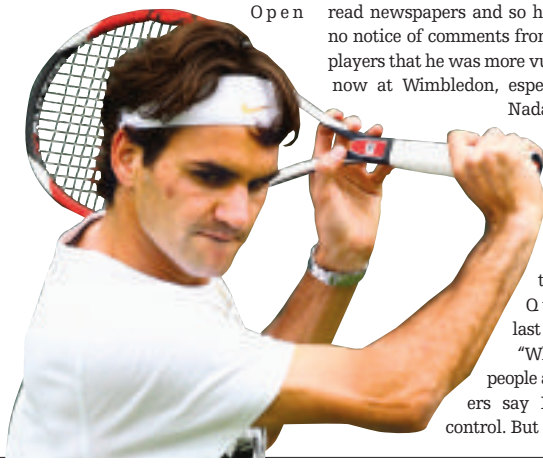
"What other people and players say I cannot control. But you'll always hear good and bad things. It's maybe a time where some people talk a little bit too much sometimes," he said.

"I just like to be favourite and like to come and try to dominate other players," the Swiss star added.

If he wins the title, Federer will become only the second player to win six in a row after William Renshaw in the 1880s, when the competition was much smaller.

After winning his first title, Renshaw had only to win one match in the Challenge round to defend the crown.

Federer begins his defence — the first of seven matches if he goes all the way — on Centre Court today against Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia. REUTERS



NFL

Titans' Kearse busted for DUI

ARREST Tennessee Titans defensive end Jevon Kearse has been arrested for driving under the influence.

A Tennessee media report said Kearse was seen speeding and swerving several times before being pulled over by Nashville police. The officer who pulled the three-time Pro Bowl selection over said Kearse exhibited slurred speech, red eyes, and smelled of alcohol.

After refusing a breath test, Kearse was booked yesterday morning.

MLB

Blue Jays snap seven-game skid

VICTORY Lyle Overbay hit a go-ahead two-run double in a four-run sixth inning as the Toronto Blue Jays snapped a seven-game losing streak and gave Cito Gaston his first win in his second stint as the team's manager with an 8-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates yesterday in the finale of a three-game series at PNC Park.

MLB

Reds' Encarnacion injures back

SPASMS Cincinnati Reds third baseman Edwin Encarnacion left yesterday's game against the New York Yankees with lower back spasms. Encarnacion appeared to hurt himself on a leaping catch of a Robinson Cano line drive to end the second inning.

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Salary figures, entry requirements, employee backgrounds and career aspirations suggest the multibillion-dollar gaming industry is maturing and battles hard for the best, a recent survey by Game Developers magazine suggests. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Geeks losing out?

High school personas affect career: Study

Does your status in high school impact where you'll eventually be in the workforce?

As high school graduations approach, *Career Builder.com* asked over 6,000 full-time workers age 30 and older to categorize their high school persona, and then compared those personas in terms of job level, salary, industry and job satisfaction.

Categories included personas such as student government, athlete, geek, honour society, cheerleader, drama club, teacher's pet and class clown.

"Thirty-nine per cent of workers age 30 and older said their high school experience had an influence on the job they hold today," said Rosemary Haefner, vice-president of human resources at CareerBuilder. "While there are a variety of factors that determine one's career path, high school … is essentially a stepping stone into a world of opportunity."

Comparing job levels, the study suggests that cheerleaders were more likely to hold a vice-president role. Those who were in student government and teacher's pets had the greatest number of workers serving in director/ manager/ team lead positions today (24 per cent). Teacher's pets also had the greatest number of workers holding administrative/clerical positions (41 per cent).

Former honour society members, athletes and geeks were more drawn toward professional and technical services positions at 59 per cent, 55 per cent and 52 per cent, respectively.

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> *CareerBuilder's vice-president of human resources Rosemary Haefner*

Former student government members were more likely to report making a six-figure salary with 12 per cent stating they are paid an annual salary of $100,000 or more. Honour society members followed and then athletes, geeks and class clowns.

Student government and honour society members and athletes ranked highest among those who earn an annual salary of $50,000.

Geeks and class clowns had the greatest number of workers who reported dissatisfaction with their jobs at 21 per cent and 18 per cent, respectively.

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more survey stats

» Contentment with career progress is more prevalent among teacher's pets and athletes while student government members and geeks showed the greatest dissatisfaction with their career progress.

» Teacher's pets were more likely to report earning less than $35,000 per year.

» Job satisfaction levels are highest among teacher's pets and cheerleaders. Eighty-one per cent of teacher's pets and 76 per cent of cheerleaders said they are satisfied with their jobs overall.

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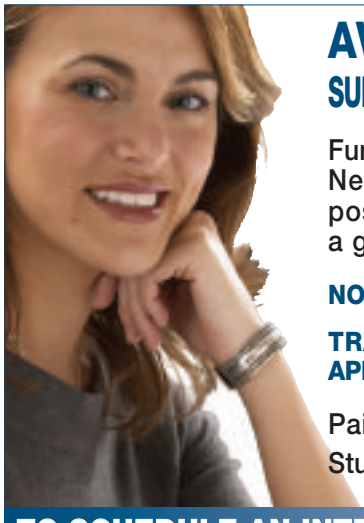

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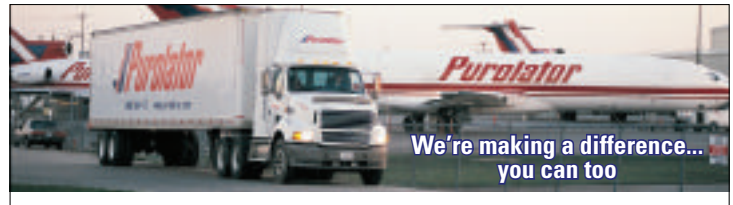

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Teen rocker Teddy Geiger, left, is letting fans help select tracks for his upcoming album by voting on 33 songs now available on his website *teddygeiger.com*. REUTERS

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Feist

Feist album boosts label

Canadian independent label Arts & Crafts may be enjoying the biggest hit of its six-year existence, but label co-founder/president Jeffrey Remedios says he'll never change his "quality over quantity" business mantra.

The Toronto-based label has seen Feist's The Reminder become a runaway hit, selling more than 200,000 copies in Canada.

"It has allowed us to build out our infrastructure," Remedios says. "We now have all the tools at our disposal that any much larger label has."

Remedios points to increases in the label's publicity, marketing and retail abilities in recent months as a demonstration of Arts & Crafts' rise in stature. REUTERS

Blondie hits milestone

New Wave band marks 30 years of Parallel Lines

By **KUMAR SAHA**
for Metro Edmonton

You could call it the curse of Blondie. Debbie Harry prefers "double-edged sword."

For the iconic front woman of the equally iconic band, more than three decades of being under the spotlight has been a little bittersweet.

"You are really proud of your success, you are proud of the things you've written and done, yet it sort of haunts you in a way," says the 62-year-old grand dame of '70s New Wave glitterati.

Success rarely gets much bigger than Blondie's 1978 opus Parallel Lines, a rock milestone which not only spawned uber hits such as Heart of Glass and One Way Or Another but also helped make New York's underground DIY sounds a household phenomenon.

"It really changed what was being played on radio in the (United) States and opened up a whole new era of more modern music. Up until that time most of the music had been more country-rock, blues-directed kind. This was more urban … slightly more sophisticated, punky sound," Harry says.

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Blondie front woman Debbie Harry says Parallel Lines "really changed what was being played on radio in the (United) States and opened up a whole new era of more modern music."

Blondie is currently on a North American tour to mark the 30th birthday of Parallel Lines. An expanded anniversary edition of the album, featuring four bonus tracks and a DVD of three music videos and a BBC Top Of The Pops performance, is due out this week.

Harry admits that keeping a bunch of songs, whose influence is only matched by their ubiquity, relevant and evolving is a constant challenge for the band, which now includes only two other original members, guitarist Chris Stein and drummer Clem Burke.

"The trick is to not just stand there like a robot, the trick is to make it come alive for the audience and the band," she says. "We have played the material for a long time and that could get a little bit stale. We're gonna try to freshen up the feel and give it a new slant, a fresh coat of paint."

Although there is no specific plan for the future or a new Blondie album, Harry has been working with Stein on a few tracks.

"I don't know exactly what we're going to do with them. We're talking about putting little samples of the stuff that we've been working on on the Internet," she says, adding that the band is currently without a label.

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Rap stars weigh record options

Many artists near end of contracts

As a string of high-profile hip-hop artists near the end of their record contracts, a question looming over their pending free agency isn't which major label they'll sign with but whether they should sign with a major.

One prominent rap artist has already jumped ship: Jay-Z signed a long-term recording, publishing and management deal earlier this year with Live Nation. A Def Jam spokeswoman says Jay-Z has one album left on his contract with the label, but Def Jam head Shakir Stewart said recently that "we're still working it out."

While few rappers can match the pull and marketability of the former Def Jam president, big names like 50 Cent, LL Cool J and OutKast will soon be on the market as well. Although they may ultimately re-sign with major labels, their camps have indicated that they are at least contemplating the possibility of a future without a major-label deal.

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LL Cool J, left, and 50 Cent are among the many rap artists now nearing the end of their major-label record deals.

LL Cool J will complete his three-album deal with Def Jam with the Aug. 5 release of Exit 13. By the end of the year, 50 Cent is expected to put out Before I Self Destruct, the fourth and final album on his Interscope deal. OutKast owes LaFace/Zomba three more albums under the duo's four-album contract, with all three releases expected this year and next. Tiphanie Watson, co-manager for OutKast's Big Boi, says the duo hasn't decided yet whether to seek another deal with a major, but adds, "It's much more beneficial to do it on your own. For an artist with an established fan base, there's more than one way to come up with strategic branding."

Notwithstanding Lil Wayne's first-week platinum sales for Tha Carter III, a contemporary rap album is lucky to sell an average of 35,000 copies in its first week. As of June 8, year-to-date U.S. sales of rap albums were down 25 per cent from the same period of 2007, compared with an 11.4 per cent drop in overall album sales. Meanwhile, unauthorized mixtapes, which recently have been among the most buzzworthy releases in hip-hop, have been reaching audiences through independent channels. REUTERS

Janet Jackson, right, is set to star in an upcoming reality series for MTV. The project will follow Jackson as she mentors a group of aspiring singers and dancers. IMDB.COM

Fixing Canada's top bedroom problem

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Colin & Justin say Gluckstein Home bedding at the Bay is "awesome value." Above, Percidio bed linens from Gluckstein Home's Steel collection.

Come on, this one's a no brainer — careful planning will transform your slumber zone into a calming, special sanctuary. Yup, a well crafted boudoir should be a relaxing retreat and an escape from the outside world. But as we often say, 'To fail to plan is to plan to fail." Many bedrooms, in reality, are crazy obstacle courses of piled-up laundry, mismatched furniture and saggy past-the-sell-by-date mattresses.

The biggest Canadian bedroom problem is multitasking, which is to say, asking too much of too small a space.

So that means no ironing boards, no exercise bikes and definitely no computers stashed in a corner. Remember — it's a bedroom, after all, not a home office or gym.

The main event in any slumber zone is the bed and, because it's the largest feature, it identifies your space.

In much the same way as a painted or papered feature wall will provide personality, so too will a well dressed bed provide visual punch.

It's *so* worth taking all this into account when shopping for a new bed — or bed linen — so make sure you have a plan.

Remember the aforementioned caution.

One third of your life, after all, is spent tucked in, so invest in a good quality mattress and treat yourself to the best pillows and dressings you can find.

Brian Gluckstein's range at the Bay is awesome value, so wander in for inspiration. Ask yourself this — what price would you put on good slumber? As far as we're concerned, a great night's sleep is a better tonic than a life coach and more rejuvenating than Botox.

So get it right!

banishing bedroom blues

Turn your nightmare bedroom into a heavenly haven by following these simple tips:

» Make your bed a tactile feast by mixing satin with cool cotton and topping the lot with a luxurious silky throw.

» Satisfy your sense of smell with relaxing scented candles or some good old fashioned fresh air. During warmer months, air out your bedroom for at least half an hour each day.

» Make sure bedrooms are cosy and restful. Avoid bright colours like vivid orange and zesty yellow as they won't induce sleep.

» Turn your mattress every week to make it last longer and spread wear and tear.

» Don't overfill closets — lose the things you no longer wear. And seasonally adjust as the climate changes. Vacuum-pack winter garb until the mercury descends.

» Position your bed diagonally opposite the entrance door on the largest unbroken wall and make that your feature wall.

» Opt for warm flooring such as wood or carpet, and avoid ceramic tile, marble or granite. There's nothing worse, after all, than getting out of bed and stepping onto a cold floor.

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NBC News has selected former anchor Tom Brokaw, left, to moderate Meet the Press through the 2008 U.S. election season. Tim Russert, the longtime host of the program, died suddenly of a heart attack on June 13. REUTERS

CBC finally gets it right

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: Air India 182, which aired last night on CBC, puts me in the rare position of not only recommending a CBC production that isn't Dragon's Den, but insisting that you make time to catch the film when it re-airs.

CBC viewership figures, much as they might be spun to make it look like the national broadcaster is constantly on the verge of recovering its profile among viewers, suggest nonetheless that anything that airs on the network stands a worse chance of being seen by the average Canadian than a Simpsons re-run.

If a kind of Pavlovian aversion to CBC programming should prevent anyone from seeing Sturla Gunnarsson's dramatized recreation of the 1985 bombing of an Air India jumbo jet en route from Canada to England, it would be a shame, since this is exactly the sort of project the CBC should be commissioning, not occasionally but almost monthly, in a better world.

Gunnarsson is the director who made the far better movie version of Beowulf — the one that cost a fraction of Robert Zemeckis' recent heavily hyped travesty, with its embarrassing video game digital sheen.

His retelling of the Air India 182 story borrows a few formal touches from Paul Greengrass' United 93, but paces itself more gravely, as if in responding to the passage of time in which the tragedy has resonated.

Time flashes back and forth in the first half of the film, as the events leading up to the bombing come into focus, and then seems to blow apart in slow motion in the aftermath of the disappearance of the plane over the North Atlantic. We're allowed to understand how hard it would have been to prevent the bombing with what information the RCMP had up till this point — in situations like this, hindsight is inevitably all too clear — while the underfunding and bureaucratic blunders of the country's intelligence services make their appearance on cue; a muddleheaded CSIS policy of erasing wiretaps after having them transcribed would lead to two key suspects in the plot by Sikh extremists being acquitted.

Even while it was happening, the events surrounding Air India 182 often seemed confusing, and there was an unfortunate tendency to treat it as an internal dispute within the Indian and Sikh communities — typifed by then-Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's puzzling apology to the Indian government, but not the families of Canadians who actually died in the bombing. Gunnarson somehow manages to make it all clear, without swamping the film in details and lessening the still-raw emotional trauma that marks those left behind.

Air India 182 re-airs next Sunday at 10 p.m. on CBC Newsworld, and deserves a few more airings and a decent life on DVD, if only to give the network a prominent model for how to fulfill its mandate.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

weekend box office

» Estimated weekend sales at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

» **1. Get Smart, $39.2 million US.**
» 2. Kung Fu Panda, $21.7 million.
» 3. The Incredible Hulk, $21.6 million.
» 4. The Love Guru, $14 million
» 5. The Happening, $10 million
» 6. Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull, $8.4 million
» 7. You Don't Mess with the Zohan, $7.2 million
» 8. Sex and the City, $6.5 million
» 9. Iron Man, $4 million
» 10. The Strangers, $1.9 million

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awards

Ellen, Ray share Emmy spotlight

DAYTIME TV Comedian Ellen DeGeneres and cooking-lifestyle guru Rachael Ray shared the Daytime Emmy spotlight Friday as they split U.S. television's top two awards for entertainment talk shows. Although her program lost out to Ray for best talk show, DeGeneres pulled off a triumph for a fourth straight year as best talk show host. Jeanne Cooper, the grand dame of America's longtime No. 1 soap opera, was named best lead actress in a drama series for her 35-year role as Katherine Chancellor on The Young and the Restless. show.

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television

Jim Carrey to produce series

ON BOARD HBO is in need of some new original series, and Jim Carrey may have the answer. The comic actor is on board to co-create and executive produce a half-hour series that's a throwback to his early days on the L.A. standup circuit, EW.com reports. Comedian Lisa Lampanelli will star in the project.

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	34	W	602	567	Shopping Bags	House	Will & Grace	Friends	How Clean	House	Confidential	Divine Design	How Clean
	35	TLC	521	560	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Master-Dance	Master-Dance	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate
	36	BRAVO	620	523	(6) West Side Story ★★★★ (1961, Musical)				Law & Order "Jeopardy"		Without a Trace		Surviv. Picasso
	38	SPIKE	628	584	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		MXC	MXC	MXC "Most Best of MXC"		Spike Guys
	40	HIST	522	506	Alexander ★★ (2004, Historical Drama) Colin Farrell, Angelina Jolie, Val Kilmer. Premiere.							Alexander ★★ (2004)	
	41	COM	626	547	Laughs	Rick Mercer	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Distraction
	43	SPACE	627	528	Taken Three families experience alien abductions. (DVS)				Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Ent.
	44	WPCH	294	650	Along Came a Spider ★★ (2001, Suspense)				Seinfeld	Frasier	Along Came a Spider (2001, Suspense)		
	46	OLN	411	457	Mantracker (N)		Departures "Jordan"		Pilot Guides		Don't Forget Your Passport		Amazing Race
	48	TROP	619	525	Are You Smarter		Deal or No Deal Canada		ET Canada	What Happen?	X-Weighted "Jocelyn"		Smarter
	50	STAR	621	527	This is Avril	Look-A-Like	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		eTalk	TMZ	Freddie Mercury		Hollywood
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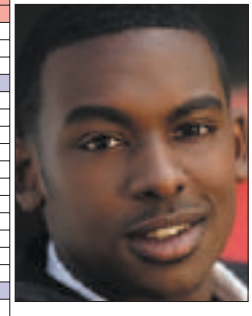
	92	APTN	269	350	First Talk	Beyond Words	Storytellers	New Canoe	MYTV	renegadepress	Elijah (2007, Biography) Billy Merasty.		
	93	VISION	261	394	McLeod's Daughters (N)		Divine Restor.	Recreat. Eden	Doc "Full Disclosure"		McLeod's Daughters		Prime Minister
	100	MTV	581	566	Super Sweet	The Paper	The Paper	Life of Ryan	MTV Live		Super Sweet	The Paper	The Paper
	101	MM	570	580	MuchNews	The NewMusic	PunchMuch		MuchTopTens Top 10.		Punk'd	Video on Trial	Video on Trial
	102	CPAC	512	396	Question Period		Revue Politique Headlines.		Primetime Politics		Question Period		Hse-Commons
	103	CLT	526	507	Decoding the Past		Traders "Nobody's Boy"		The West Wing		Outback House		Decoding-Past
	105	TV5	145	761	(6) Un oeil sur la planète		Passez au vert	Ville	Journal TV5	Fête de la musique 2008 27e édition de la fête de la musique.			
	106	RDI	126	730	Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	Le National	Le Téléjournal (SC)		Le Journal RDI	Le National	Le Téléjournal

critics'corner

Degrassi: The Next Generation
Jefferson Starship? Nope. Wrong generation. In the season finale, "We Built This City," Liberty and Damian (Sarah Barrable-Tishauer, Mazin Elsadig) can't fight their attraction any longer and finally lock lips at the prom. When Emma and Toby (Miriam McDonald, Jake Goldsbie) find out, all heck breaks loose. Singer Natasha Bedingfield guest stars. 7:30 PM on CFRN



West Side Story
A musical about street gangs — imagine trying that today. ("When you're a Crip, you're a Crip all the way ..."?) But 1961 was a more innocent time. You know the story and the songs, and you probably remember Natalie Wood as the lovely Maria, whose romance with handsome Tony (Richard Beymer) is doomed because he's Anglo and she's Puerto Rican. Their romance intensifies the rivalry between two New York street gangs, the Jets and the Sharks. 6 PM on BRAVO

Celebrity Buzz

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Amy dead in three months?

Father's concern: Amy Winehouse's father Mitch says the Grammy-winning singer is suffering from emphysema and he fears she could be "dead in three months," *usmagazine.com* reports.

"The doctors have told her if she goes back to smoking drugs it won't just ruin her voice, it will kill her," he told U.K. newspaper the Daily Mail.

Winehouse, 24, was taken to the hospital last week for tests after she fainted at home in London.

"With smoking the crack cocaine and the cigarettes her lungs are all gunked up," Mitch said. "There are nodules around the chest and dark marks. She's got 70 per cent lung capacity."

If she doesn't get treatment, she could need an oxygen mask to breathe, Mitch told the Daily Mail.

"The doctors have said that if she had continued the way she was going she could have ended up an invalid — she wouldn't have been able to breathe," he added. "If drugs mean more to her than breathing properly, then so be it."

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Woody sued for alleged photog smackdown

LAWSUIT Photographer Josh Levine sued Woody Harrelson for $2.5 million Friday, claiming Harrelson injured him both physically and emotionally when he roughed him up two years ago outside a Hollywood club, E! News Online reports, per the Los Angeles Times. The video Levine shot at the time shows the star breaking Levine's camera, choking him and shoving the camera into his ribs, the complaint alleges.

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Naomi alleges racial slur

ALTERCATION Naomi Campbell pleaded guilty Friday to assaulting police officers after a mid-air disturbance on British Airways and was fined and sentenced to community service.

But there's some backstory from Britain's Sky News (via gossip guy Perez). Yes, Naomi admits she was wrong, but she has more to say about why she went off, E! News Online reports:

"I was called a racial name on that flight. And that was part of my reaction ... I was called a golliwog supermodel, I don't think that's really fair, do you?"

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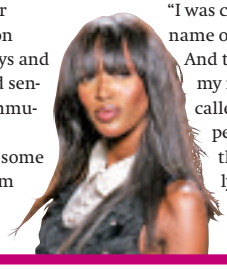

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DIVORCE Former model Christie Brinkley has reportedly asked for her divorce from Peter Cook to be made public — to expose his alleged infidelity and habit of trawling online for women and porn, *imdb.com* reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Revenge best served as a song

DUMPED Former Spice Girl Melanie Brown is getting her revenge on ex-partner Eddie Murphy — by penning a song about him for her upcoming album, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The singer was dumped by the actor on TV while she was pregnant with his child last year. But Brown has been hitting the studio to get her own back. She tells Britain's New! magazine, "The working title is Beverly Hills C**k, because that's what he is.

"He never bothers with his daughter. I mean, what kind of man is that?"

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Celebrity **brief**

POLL Red Hot Chili Peppers frontman Anthony Kiedis and British pop star Leona Lewis have been voted the world's Sexiest Vegetarians, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

Tens of thousands of animal lovers voted the pair into the top spots as part of an annual search for veggie vamps and vixens on website *Peta.org*.

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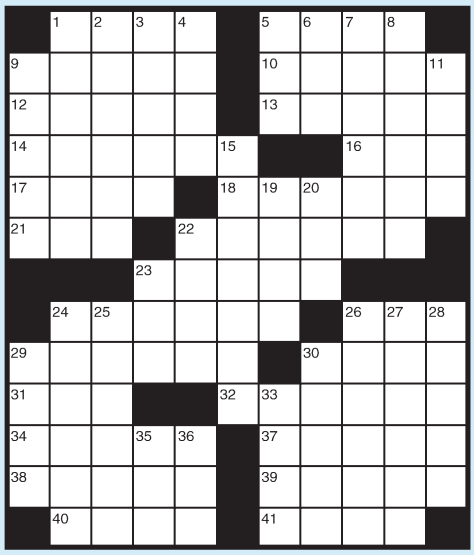

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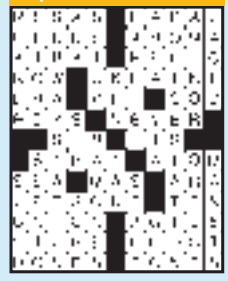


HOROSCOPE

ARIES | March 21-April 20
You'll have privileges in your community. A broken band needs replacement or repair. A desired reunion is becoming a certainty.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
It'll work out well when someone makes a move. The image of success will become understandable. Being obnoxious will defeat you.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Money becomes an issue with a friend. You'll surprise yourself with your regrets. Strange information may cause insecurity to arise.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A twist of fate can lead to a blazing debate. A mentor's idea flashes with insights. Relaxing moments can be enjoyed, later.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
Be kind-hearted enough to step in to mediate. A deceitful person will be caught. A friend's relationship is at a high point.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Take back a derogatory comment. Avoid being careless around equipment. Flattery will get you somewhere in a hurry.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Doubt will arise because of someone's bad behaviour. Try not to be smug. Go shopping with someone who makes you laugh.

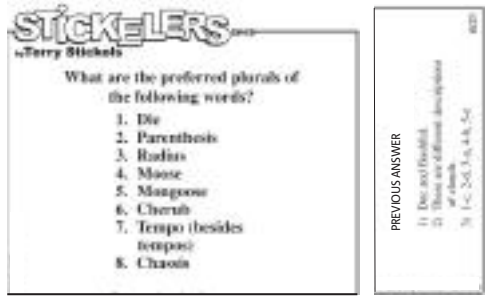
SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
The reason things won't work out is obvious. Pride will get in the way of success. Rumours about a love affair have upset people.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Making fun of someone will be a bad idea. Don't work too hard trying to lighten things up. Don't avoid answering questions.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
The way you get around will be reviewed. Be resigned to waiting for a disgraceful person. A profit is made from a durable venture.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Your energy level will increase. Restrain your temper and your goals will be fulfilled. Don't waste any time worrying about problems.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Your capacity to astound others will be noted. Commit yourself to a positive course of action. A friend needs help finding work. AVATAR VENUS



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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

8	7	6	1	9	3	5	2	4
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This Day IN HISTORY

June 23, 1985: A terrorist bomb aboard Air India flight 182 brings the Boeing 747 down off the coast of Ireland killing all 329 people aboard, including 280 Canadians.

June 23, 1940: German leader Adolf Hitler surveys newly defeated Paris in now occupied France.

June 23, 1887: The Rocky Mountains Park Act becomes law in Canada, creating the nation's first national park, Banff National Park.

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Afternoon	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly cloudy. 21°	Partly cloudy. Low 11°	Partly cloudy. 18°/ 9°	90% Rain. 20°/ 9°	Variable. 18°/ 10°

Temperature
Normals
High: 20.8°
Low: 8.9°

Records
High: 33.3°/1936
Low: 1.1°/1905

Sunrise: 5:05 a.m.
Sunset: 10:07 p.m.
Moonrise: 12:25 a.m.
Moonset: 10:22 a.m.

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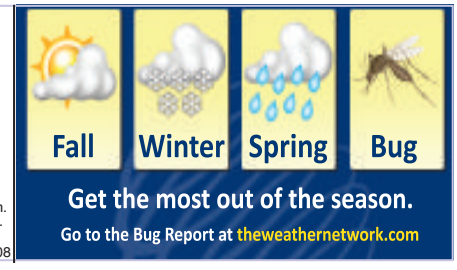

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